

JOHN R. BRICE
MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT
Senior Enlisted Marine
Company H, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion



Master Gunnery Sergeant Brice was born on 30 July 1973 in Miami, Florida. Upon graduation from high school in 1991 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After completing boot camp in Parris Island, South Carolina, Private Brice was ordered to Ft. Devens, Massachusetts for basic instruction in the Manual Morse Intercept Operator Course. Completing training, he was ordered to Company K, Marine Support Battalion, Corry Station, Florida for follow-on schooling in signals analysis. He was subsequently in ordered to Company C, Marine Support Battalion, Guam for his first tour of duty.

Summer of 1997, after his tour of duty at Company C, he was then ordered to 2d Radio Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. En-route to the battalion he received additional training at Goodfellow AFB, Texas at the Apprentice Lateral Analysis and Reporting Course. Upon arriving at 2d Radio Battalion, Sergeant Brice was assigned to 'A' Company as an Electronic Attack Team Leader. Over his tour there he served as a SIGINT Support Team Leader, Career Planner, Analyst, SNCOIC, and Operations Chief. While there he participated in the following exercises: Exercise Strong Resolve in Norway, Exercise Urban Warrior, Combined Arms Exercise in 29 Palms, and Weapons and Tactics Instruction in Yuma. Operational deployments include: the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, assigned to 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Task Force Tarawa) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and finally Operation Shining Express supporting maneuvers in Liberia and Mauritania.

Promoted to Gunnery Sergeant just before leaving 2d Radio Battalion, he then received orders to Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Huachuca, Arizona for duty as an instructor for the Morse Code School in 2004. Not long after becoming certified, Gunnery Sergeant Brice was further assigned as the Marine Corps Liaison to the post.

Master Sergeant Brice was next ordered to 1st Radio Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA in 2007. While there he deployed twice as an Operations Chief in support of both Operation Iraqi Freedom 8.1 and 9.1 supporting first Regimental Combat Team Five (RCT-5) and then Regimental Combat Team Two (RCT-2).

In 2010, Master Sergeant Brice was ordered back to 2d Radio Battalion for duty as the operations chief for 'A' Company. He later served as the battalion SIGINT/EW Chief and expanded upon the Virtual SIGINT Operations Center providing support to both Operation Enduring Freedom and II MEF AOR requirements.

Ordered to Company H, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion in 2013, Master Gunnery Sergeant Brice assumed duties as the Senior Enlisted Marine.